(7) The Central Pollution Control Board has constituted an expert committee in March, 1991 to evolve mass emission standards for vehicles (both petrol and diesel driven) for the period 1995 and 2000 and to identify the nature of changes required in engine design, including any devices to be installed, to meet the proposed standards.

(8) The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur, is engaged in developing an indigenous catalytic convertor for controlling exhaust emissions for on-the-road vehicles.

(9) Public awareness complains about vehicular pollution have been launched.

(c) The cities which are most affected by automobile exhaust pollution are Delhi followed by Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta and Ahmedabad. In Rajasthan, Jaipur is the only city that was studied in the survey. The ambient air quality levels in Jaipur were found to be within the prescribed standards.

"Pollution Control Devices for Chambal River"

2635. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drainage water, human excreta and other effluents discharged from factories of Kota are being released into the river Chambal;

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken and results achieved therefrom;

(c) whether an sewerage scheme was also approved for the purpose;

(d) if so, the estimated cost thereof and the amount spent so far thereon; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be completed; and

(f) the reasons for delay in not completing the scheme within the stipulated time, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the effluent quality as well as Chambal river water quality to ensure that the effluent discharged conforms to the limits laid down by the Board. A time-bound action plan has been drawn up for control of pollution in consultation with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

(c) to (f). For formulating a Municipal waste water management scheme for Kota to prevent poilution of river Chambal, Central Pollution Control Board has released two instalments of Rs. 5 lacs each to Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board on 21.12.90 and 2.4.91 respectively for preparing a feasibility report. The report would include estimation of cost for providing sewage interception, diversion and treatment.

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Slow Progress of Non-Formal Education Projects in Orissa

2636. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: